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Food Safety and Inspection Service

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National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to discuss the proposed rule on the Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection published January 27, 2012. FSIS will provide an overview of the proposed rule, followed by open discussion and comments.

DATES: The Committee will hold a public meeting via Web conference on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: The March 21, 2012, meeting will be held via Web conference. Information on accessing the Web conference will be posted on the FSIS Web site at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&_Events/. The

meeting site will also be posted on the FSIS Web site above.

FSIS will finalize the agenda on or before the meeting and post it on the NACMPI Web site, http://www.fsis.usda.gov/about_fsis/nacmpi/index.asp.

All interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments concerning the issue the Committee will discuss. FSIS welcomes comments through April 23, 2012, on this meeting. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic mail: NACMPI@fsis.usda.gov.

Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs: Send to National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, USDA, FSIS, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1180-S, South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

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Facsimile: Send to Sally Fernandez, (202) 690-6519. All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2012-0016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Payne for technical information at (202) 690-6522, or e-mail

keith.payne@fsis.usda.gov, and Sally Fernandez for meeting information at (202) 690-6524, Fax (202) 690-6519, or e-mail sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Sally Fernandez at the numbers above or by e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS is announcing, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2, that the NACMPI will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to discuss the proposed rule on the Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection published January 27, 2012 (77 FR 4408).

Background

The NACMPI provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), 301(a)(4), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), 661(a)(4), and 661(c)) and sections 5(a)(3), 5(a)(4), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(a)(4), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e)).

The Administrator of FSIS is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups; producers, processors, and marketers from the meat, poultry and egg product industries; State and local government officials; and academia. The current members of the NACMPI are: Patricia K. Buck, Center for Foodborne Illness Research and Prevention; Dr. Fur-Chi Chen, Tennessee State University; Brian R. Covington, Keystone Foods LLC; Dr. Catherine N. Cutter, Pennsylvania State University; Nancy J. Donley, STOP Foodborne Illness; Veneranda Gapud, Fieldale Farms Corporation; Dr. Craig Henry, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Dr. Cheryl D. Jones, Morehouse School of Medicine; Dr. Heidi Kassenborg, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Sarah A. Klein, Center for Science in the Public Interest; Dr. Shelton E. Murinda, California State Polytechnic University; Dr. Edna Negrón, University of Puerto Rico; Robert G. Reinhard, Sara Lee Corporation; Dr. Craig E. Shultz, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Stanley A. Stromberg, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; Dr. John D. Tilden, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Carol L. Tucker-Foreman, Consumer Federation of America; Steve E. Warshawer, Mesa Top Farm; Dr. J. Byron Williams, Mississippi State

University; and Leonard W. Winchester, Public Health - Seattle & King County.

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Administrator.

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